



Record Crowd of 12,000 Attends 18th Annual Youth Night Service

TWELVE THOUSAND PEOPLE crowded into the Mississippi Coliseum on Thursday evening of last week for the closing youth session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. This was easily the largest attendance in the 18-year history of this youth night service.

State Round

Georgia Sets 'Aid' Decision For 1970

ATLANTA (BP)—The Georgia Baptist Convention, plagued by annual debates over government funds for Baptist institutions — and Mercer University in particular — will have to deal with the issue again next year.

At its 1969 session here, Mercer and its federal aid policies were almost the sole topic of discussion and debate. The final outcome of the 1969 convention was a compromise motion which continues the matter for another year.

Mercer trustees consumed more than one hour of convention time explaining their action of last February in which they applied for three federal construction grants, totaling \$570,000, despite three convention votes in the past five years against any tax monies for Georgia Baptist institutions.

The essence of the trustee explanation was a reaffirmation of the autonomy of the trustees, and assertion that their action was "not flaunitive of the convention," but a necessary action in light of financial pressures.

The trustees' statement concluded: "We have sought only to assume the full measure of our responsibilities and duties as trustees. We prayerfully and earnestly solicit your understanding and your support."

But heated debate followed, revolving around the issue of control—whether or not the convention had legal power to overrule the federal grants applications of the Mercer trustees.

The issue seemed to be resolved when the convention adopted a compromise motion made by J. Thornton Williams, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Moultrie, Ga., and a former convention president.

Williams' motion reaffirmed the autonomy of Mercer trustees, but "reminded them" that "we have placed in their keeping sacred trusts," and asked them to "remember their commitment to Baptist principles, and to the well-being of our total tasks of which the institution is a part."

The next morning, however, a three-pronged motion relating to Mercer and federal aid was made by B. R. Anglin, pastor from Harrison, Ga., and a long-time spokesman for church-state separation in Georgia Baptist Convention sessions.

Anglin's processed motion asked for a special committee to be appointed to raise \$3 million in two years for Georgia Baptist schools; for Mercer

trustees to rescind their action to seek federal grants; and for Mercer trustees to "embark on a planned concerted course of action to improve the Christian atmosphere and witness of our institutions."

After more debate, the convention approved a substitute motion that Anglin's motion be referred to the convention.

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Fire Destroys Building At Carey College

Fire of undetermined origin on Friday afternoon of last week destroyed the education and psychology building on the campus of William Carey College. The building which was originally built in 1919 first served as the campus dining hall.

This past summer it was renovated and refurbished to supply both classroom space and offices for the education and psychology department. No one was injured in the blaze.

In addition to housing the education and psychology department, this building also contained the offices of the school newspaper, "The Cobbler," a physics laboratory, the school laundry, the maintenance department and a boiler which not only supplied steam heat for this building but also for Ross and Johnson Halls, two women's dormitories.

All college buildings at William Carey are covered by replacement type insurance, according to Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, president. The building which was destroyed contained 16,280 square feet of floor space.

The insurance adjusters were scheduled to appear at the Carey College campus Monday of this week for consultation with the administration and with the trustees of the college concerning the repayment for this fire damage.

Dr. Noonkester said Monday that "We have been able early this morning to locate a new boiler which will be installed within the next two weeks, which will provide heat for the two women's dormitories."

"In the meantime, we are doubling up in the remaining women's dormitories, and, of course, the two dormitories."

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Major Action Marks Convention

"Quoting" The Speakers

Dr. Carl E. Bates

"The hardest job I have faced in a thirty-year ministry is to get God's people to speak out concerning the good news of the gospel.

"This shyness must be changed somehow and I propose the following ways:

"First, we must find a compelling incentive. We Baptists have been accused of an inordinate lust for numbers. I see nothing wrong with a desire to reach numbers if it is for the glory of Christ.

"Second, our people do not know what to say. The one certain thing about the church in our time is its uncertainty concerning its message. We must teach our people what to say.

"Third, we must understand the role of the church in God's scheme of things. God is the chief messenger. The gospel is God's gospel. He has commissioned us to corroborate it. We are to witness to the power of God's gospel."

Dr. Henry Allen Parker

"One of the greatest needs in American life today is for a revival of good old fashioned, enthusiastic patriotism.

"Current events indicate that the time is late and the 'great, silent majority of Americans', about whom our President spoke last week, must stand up, speak out, and be counted.

"Our greatest danger does not lie in our external enemies, but with our internal enemies.

"The Christian realizes that he has the unique distinction of possessing dual citizenship — heavenly and earthly.

"Our country today is shot through with militant individuals and groups working tenaciously for the overthrow and the destruction of our institutions and government.

"The best patriot is always the man who has a profound faith in God. Af-

ter all, religious men and women have made America."

Dr. Darold H. Morgan

"The striking, thrilling fact is ours to consider — the Gospel of Jesus Christ possesses the power of penetration!

"If we define Caesar's household as a place of signal influence in any society, seemingly inaccessible from the ordinary witness of the Christian and his church, then we must readily and unhappily admit that there are many such households of Caesar today.

"In the difficult heights of the imperial palace Christians began to appear through the only way Christians ever appear — personal and creative witnessing.

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The 134th session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention was highlighted by significant action in regard to its institutions, the adoption of a record high mission budget for 1970 and high spiritual hours.

The convention closed on a high spiritual note as 12,000 people, mostly young, crowded in the Mississippi Coliseum for the closing Thursday night youth service.

This was easily the largest youth night attendance thus far in the 18-year history of this annual event.

Several hundred stood up inside throughout the service with other hundreds in the Corridors unable to get in.

One hundred sixty-three walked the aisles at the close of the service in the "opportunity for life commitment" directed by Dr. Jess Moody, of West Palm Beach, Fla., the principal speaker.

In significant action the convention adopted a motion in which the convention commended the trustees of its institutions for their efforts to get assistance for individuals but urged the

trustees to refrain from accepting funds from the federal government for the institutions.

The motion, made by Rev. Jerry Sloaker of Meadville during consideration of resolutions regarding action of Mississippi College in signing the federal compliance, was overwhelmingly approved.

The full text of the motion follows: "I move that this convention commend the efforts of the trustees in their attempt to help individuals in their respective institutions, and the trustees be urged to refrain from accepting federal government aid for the institutions themselves."

All four Mississippi Baptist colleges and the Mississippi Baptist Hospital have signed the federal compliance.

In another important action regarding the institutions the convention voted not to "instruct" the trustees of its institutions on matters of policy by voting overwhelmingly to sustain the president, who had just ruled such a motion out of order because "instructing trustees" was contrary to the constitution and plan of action of the convention.

The motion in question had been made by Dr. Howard Aultman of Columbia, the full text of which follows: "I move that this convention reaffirm the 1966 statement on separation of church and state, to wit: 'That we suggest our institutions not make application for or accept federal money' by instructing our boards of trustees to carry out this request by refusing to voluntarily participate in any government funded program."

The convention adopted a far-reaching recommendation from the convention board which authorized the appointment of a committee of seven, "to re-define the over-all educational purpose of the convention."

The committee of seven, to be appointed by the convention president, would include three members of the convention's Education Commission.

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Gifts In October Boost The Cooperative Program

NASHVILLE (BP)—Big increases in giving during the month of October boosted Southern Baptist Convention world missions contributions to the \$22.9 million mark for 1969, a 5.65 per cent increase over gifts for the same period in 1968.

In addition to the \$22.9 million in Cooperative Program gifts, Southern Baptists gave \$21.7 million designated to specific SBC world mission causes, for a combined grand total of \$44.7 million in world mission gifts.

Officials with the SBC Executive Committee which prepares the monthly financial report attributed the increase to a big month of giving during October.

Cooperative Program contributions during October totalled \$2.3 million, a 11.78 per cent increase over Cooperative Program gifts for October of 1968.

John H. Williams, financial planning secretary for the SBC Executive Committee, said that the convention normally contributes about five per cent more for any given month in 1969

compared to the same period in 1968. For the first ten months of 1969, Cooperative Program gifts have increased \$1,228,370, or 5.65 per cent; and designated contributions are up \$831,149, or 3.97 per cent.

The combined Cooperative Program and designated mission gift categories, \$44.7 million, is an increase of \$2 million or 4.82 per cent over grand totals for the same period in 1968.

Of the \$44.7 million, \$28.4 million has gone to support foreign missions, and \$16.3 million to home missions.

The Cooperative Program, a unified budget plan, allocates funds on a formula basis to 10 different Southern Baptist Convention agencies, institutions and organizations.

Amounts reported by the SBC Executive Committee do not include mission gifts to support local or state-wide Baptist mission efforts, but only include amounts channeled to SBC causes through the Nashville office.

Carl F. H. Henry

Evangelical Initiative Is Urged

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. (EP) — An American Baptist theologian, in a convocation address prepared for delivery Oct. 23, called on Christian churches to take a holy initiative in history again, put an ungodly world on the defensive, and offer civilization an option.

Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, editor-at-large of CHRISTIANITY TODAY magazine and newly installed as visiting professor of theology at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, warned that "we are living in the twilight of a great civilization" and pleaded with Christians to "march and sing" their witness in the public arena, and not "hide the light under church buildings and inside seminary walls."

"Our generation is lost to the truth of God and to the content of His will," he said, "and for this it is paying dearly in a swift relapse to paganism. Only the experimental success of modern science hides the dread terminal illness of our technological society."

"God's commandments need again to become an issue in national life, the truth of revelation a matter of contention in every sphere of modern culture, the call for social righteousness a cause of trembling in every vale of injustice and indecency in the land, and the 'good news' of Divine forgiveness and rescue needs to find new wings and new ways to stir the slumbering spirits of the stupefied masses."

"The barbarians are coming," Dr.

Henry warned. The exploitation of science, politics and even the Church for revolutionary aims, he said, are sure straws in the wind. "The savages can misuse all our scientific achievements for their cruel and cunning ends. Hitler and the Nazis cremating people by hundreds of thousands in highly efficient gas chambers, Stalin and totalitarian tyrants enslaving myriads through captive mass media, are but the beginning."

"Reason and persuasion are giving way to mob pressure and revolution as the approved means of social change. Anyone can play that game of compulsion if he has enough social dynamite. But the price is another nail in the coffin of democratic

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Convention Elects New Officers

NEW OFFICERS, for 1969-70, were elected by the Mississippi Baptist Convention last week. From left: Dr. C. B. Hamlet, III, Hattiesburg, second vice-president; Horace Kerr, Jackson, associate recording secretary, (re-elected); Dr. John G. McCall, Vicksburg, president (re-elected); Paul Adams, Jackson, recording secretary, (re-elected); and Dr. W. Levon Moore, Pontotoc, first vice-president.

sponse to the following: America's problems demand spiritual commitment and moral courage, while you reveal weakness and cowardice. If America's problems are too big for you, why don't you go to a country where the problems are your size?"

There was no immediate response from the four senators, who support the Vietnam War.

News reports of Stevens' telegram received wide coverage in the press and broadcast media nationally, with at least one major metropolitan newspaper in Texas carrying the story under an eight-column banner headline.

In an interview with Baptist Press, Stevens denied that he was calling the four Senators "cowards." He said he was only posing a "rhetorical question" to them.

He went on to define what he meant by a "rhetorical question," saying that "it is a question which is not necessarily designed to enter into conflict... and it is artificial in nature and posed without conviction one way or the other by the author."

Stevens said he had been trying for years to get leading Senators to appear on the radio programs, "Master Control" and "Omniscience," but that "they avoid us like leprosy."

He added he had written to the Senators but had received no affirmative answer, so he sent the strongly-worded telegram hoping they would respond to it. A week later at a dinner party he mentioned the lack of response to the editor of a Fort Worth newspaper, and the editor said anew story on the telegram might prompt a response, Stevens said.

The SBC agency head was quick to point out that he sent the telegram as an individual, not with the approval of the 37 commission members on his board.

Stevens said he was "not accusing them of moral weakness or lack of spiritual commitment, but asking them to comment on the question of the man and the state — a question asked by millions of Americans who want to know if those who are leading us lack spiritual commitment and moral courage or not."

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The committee is asked to recommend to the 1970 convention a feasible program of Christian education and the number and type of institutions necessary to carry out this program.

The recommendation observed that "the failure of Mississippi Baptists in meeting the challenge presented by Cooperative Program budget goals over the past few years indicates very forcefully that, if present trends continue, adequate financial resources will not be forthcoming for the continued support of our colleges according to our present plan of operation."

Two Conclusions Given

The recommendation ended with two definite conclusions, as follows: "The forces of life all around us are moving with such rapidity that we cannot afford an indefinite delay with this matter. For almost two decades we have deliberated. We have reached the point where decision must implement deliberation."

"We can continue our present course and reach inevitable stagnation and academic ineffectiveness in our educational institutions; or we can take bold initiatives setting in motion some imaginative approaches which will give our efforts in the field of Christian Education new life and meaning."

The convention adopted a record high Cooperative Program budget for 1970 of \$4,250,000, an increase of \$50,000 over the current year's outlay.

The new budget allocates \$2,965,000 to State Missions, compared to \$2,804,000 in this year's outlay.

The new budget designates \$1,285,000 to World and Southwide Missions, as compared to \$1,386,000 in the current budget.

The convention voted that any Cooperative Program funds received in 1970 above the budget will go to SBC causes.

The Convention reelected its present president, Dr. John G. McCall, pastor of First Baptist Church of Vicksburg, for another year, and elected two new vice-presidents.

For the past several years the convention has alternated between a clergyman and a layman, and re-elected in each case for a second year term.

Dr. Levon Moore, pastor of First Baptist Church of Pontotoc, was elected as first vice-president.

Dr. C. B. Hamlet III, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, was elected as second vice-president.

Paul Adams, of Starkville, was re-elected as recording secretary with Horace Kerr, of Jackson re-elected as assistant recording secretary.

The body voted to meet Nov. 14-12 of next year at Jackson's First Baptist Church.

Rev. Herman Milner, pastor of Van Winkle Baptist Church, Jackson, was named to preach the sermon with Dr. F. K. Horton, pastor Oakhurst Baptist Church, Clarkdale, to be alternate.

The convention adopted a statement of profound gratitude to Almighty God for his kindness and blessings and to various governmental officials for their quick response after Hurricane Camille struck south Mississippi with devastating fury.

The statement pointed out that because of Hurricane Camille "a national catastrophe was visited upon our state, her people, churches and institutions, destroying life, property, communications, and disrupting the normal pursuits of living, visiting death upon many of our people, rendering hundreds of our citizens homeless and grief-stricken and leaving us in dismay."

The statement pointed further that "We as Mississippi Baptists suffered the destruction and loss of church properties and facilities disrupting our ministry, but which losses were minimized by Divine blessing and by the courageous acts of our local, state and national leadership."

The statement declared that "we express our appreciation to the President and the people of the United States, to the Governor and people of our State, and to all persons, and organizations whose efforts were utilized and were instrumental in relieving our suffering and in restoring to us the blessings of normal life, and in ministering to our needs in the wake of the tragedy caused by Hurricane Camille."

Telegrams expressing the text of the statement were sent to President Nixon, Gov. John Bell Williams and others.

Introduced By Wester

The statement was introduced by Dr. Brooks Wester, of Hattiesburg.

The convention adopted a recommendation of the convention board that a committee of five members from the board be appointed by the board president to study the matter of the future location of the assemblies and that the committee bring to the board pertinent recommendations concerning the location and future development of the assembly properties.

The recommendation was adopted following an amendment that the report of the committee be brought by the board to the 1970 convention for consideration.

The convention adopted the following statement on church-state matters as recommended by the Convention Board:

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and the Executive Committee of the Board have been well aware of the many actual and potential problems facing us in Church-State relations, particularly in the area of State aid to private and parochial schools.

We commend Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Executive Director of the Christian Action Commission, and Dr. Joe T. Odle, Editor of the Baptist Record, for keeping us informed as to the issues involved. Dr. Hensley has reported at the last two Board meetings on both the Mississippi legislation and the Church Tax-exemption Case before the Supreme Court.

We share the concern of many churches and associations which have passed resolutions on this matter. However, we feel that until the pending suit now before the courts has been settled, additional resolutions, Church-State suits, and other similar actions are unnecessary.

The Board stands ready to take any appropriate action it may deem necessary at any time we feel the position of Mississippi Baptists needs to be further articulated on these issues.

Resolutions Adopted

The convention adopted resolutions on various subjects, several of which were provided for in regular convention actions.

One resolution asked that "on this Veteran's Day, 1969, special prayers be offered to the end that an honorable and just peace for all peoples be attained... and that the young men who comprise our armed forces be given our sincere support in the quest for a just and honorable peace."

On resolution put the convention on record as opposing the existence of a nudist colony in Marshall County, Miss. Since the action was taken, reports are that it has been abandoned.

One resolution declared "that we share the sentiment expressed by W. A. Criswell concerning the Articles of Faith adopted in 1923 and 1963 (by the SBC)... and that we commend his courage in his statement? 'This is what it is to be a Baptist... and if you don't believe that, you are not a Baptist. You find you a place, but don't try to bore from within and destroy us.'"

The special committee on Christian education, authorized earlier, was named as follows:

Dr. Brooks Wester, Hattiesburg, chairman; Alex McKeigney, Jackson; Dr. W. Levon Moore, Pontotoc; Dr. Joe Tuten, Jackson; Rev. Hardy Denham, Newton; Dr. Beverly Tinnin, Meridian; Dr. Perry Claxton, Greenville.

The convention adopted a recommendation of the convention Board that the capital needs program for the four colleges as currently in effect, providing \$200,000 annually, be continued for an additional five years.

The president appointed the committee on committees, as follows:

Dr. Bob Simmons, Meridian; Henry Harris, West Point; Jimmy Pope, Richton; Rev. John McDonald, Jackson; Dr. John Lee Taylor, McComb. The convention heard reports of all its agencies.

The report of the Christian Action Commission of the Convention, adopted Wednesday morning, declared that "with the regular sessions of the legislature next year, we must be alert to efforts to weaken the controls on the sale of alcoholic beverages."

Rev. Rowe C. Holcomb, of Hazlehurst, is chairman, with Dr. J. Clark Hensley of Jackson the executive director.

Continuing, the report said: "We are developing training techniques to enable local people to give assistance not only in church, but in the public schools, in alcohol education."

The Commission is charged by the Convention with several areas of concern and the report touched on many of these.

Regarding family life it declared: "Family life in the United States is on a disaster course. Only half of the marriages turn out successfully and each day 800 babies are born to unmarried mothers. Venereal disease has reached epidemic levels in every section of society. Perversion for profit through pornography on the news counters, movies, television and recordings continues to be the chief means used by young people in sex education."

In the area of pornography the report declared: "Some progress is being made in alertness to the problem and total community participation in efforts to alleviate the salacious sores."

"The pornographers claim that religion is the single greatest enemy man has in search to find a sexual peace with himself. They feel that government restraints are motivated by religious people — so 'destroy religious influence!'"

Regarding gambling, the report stated that "agitation for legalized gambling has already been revived

by television stations and newspapers. "Therefore, we urge Christian citizens to make their voices heard whenever this issue arises in any Mississippi community."

Regarding drug abuse the report said that "additions have been made to resource materials for education in drug abuse."

Regarding the matter of church-state relationships, the report went on record opposing the aid to students in private and sectarian schools bill re-

cently passed by the State Legislature because the legislation "discriminates in favor of a parochial school system."

Continuing, the report stated:

"While parents have both the right and the responsibility to decide where their children should be educated, we feel those who choose the parochial school route should pay for such education whether they be Baptists or Catholics, black or white."

Quoting The Speakers

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"There is no substitute for spiritual commitment. There is no substitute for a strong, local church with its ministries of preaching and teaching and fellowship."

"But the households of Caesar in our midst need saints. There is enough potential among us today, enough creativity, enough mobility in our planning, enough power in our prayers to reach some of these households — if we are concerned."

Dr. Glendon McCullough

"It is my conviction that the church today is the disillusioned white youth. 'The Negro youth were the first to break away' and rebel against the leadership of their elders. But one of the most pathetic figures in America today is the disillusioned white youth."

"The majority of the population of this nation is under twenty-seven years of age. Our church power structure and leadership is over fifty. This is a tremendous gap. We have a long way to go and a short time to get there."

"One of our supreme difficulties is accepting change. We are too busy wishing for things to be as they 'used to be' to 'get with' the situation as it is now."

"America is the greatest mission challenge in the world today."

Dr. Jess Moody

"You may be Jesus material."

Convention Names Committees

The convention Tuesday morning adopted the report of its committee on committees, as follows:

Resolutions: Dr. Gordon Sansing, Grenada, chairman; Rev. Roy Colburn, Philadelphia; Dr. Earl Kelly, Jackson; Dr. Bob Marsh, Laurel; Travis Palmer, Starkville; M. F. Rayburn, Meridian; Dr. S. R. Woodson, Columbus.

Time, Place and Preacher: Rev. Vernon May, Louisville, chairman; Rev. O. B. Beverly, Woodville; Rev. James Fancher, Aberdeen; Rev. Henry Rushing, Vicksburg; Rev. W. Allen Webb, Macon.

(STANDING COMMITTEES)

Order of Business: Three Years — Talmadge Butler, Hattiesburg; Rev. Clifton Perkins, Greenwood; two years — Rev. Charles Gentry, Clinton; Rev. Clyde Little, Holly Springs; one year — Rev. James Richardson, Leland; Rev. Malcolm Jones, Houston.

Nominations: Dr. Joe Tuten, Jackson, chairman; Dr. Perry Claxton, Greenville; Rev. J. R. Davis, Batesville; Rev. Dan Morton, Amory; Ralph Reeves, McComb.

Baptist Record Advisory: Three years — G. O. Parker, Magee; Dr. Bob Ramsay, Tupelo; two years — Rev. Kelly Dampier, Charleston; Rev. Paul Leber, Moss Point; one year — Henry Harris, West Point; Rev. S. B. Mason, Jackson.

Constitution and By-Laws: Rev. Van Hardin, Moss Point, chairman; Dr. Clyde Bryan, Jackson; George

Estes, Jr., Gulfport; Rev. Joel Haire, West Point; Clarence Morris, Greenville.

Seminary Foundation Will Supplement Faculty Salaries

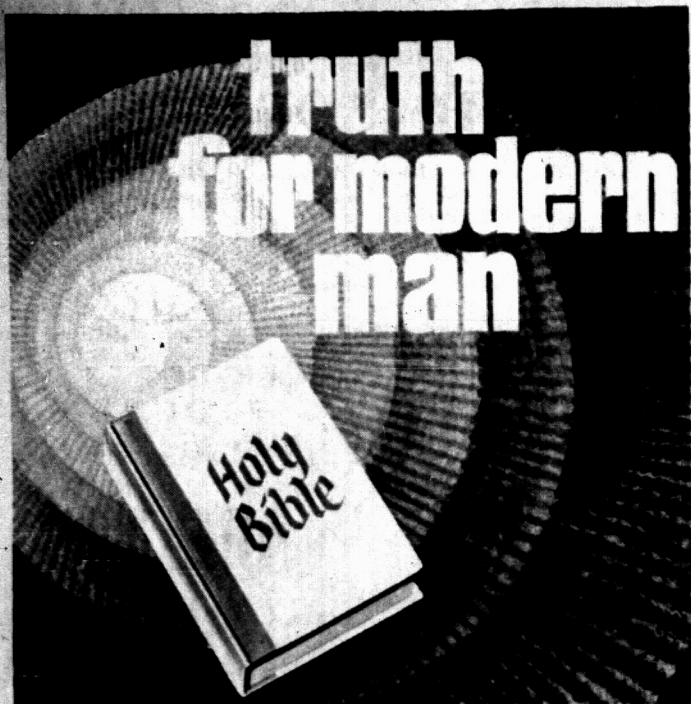
Mr. Gene A. Triggs of Yazoo City, Mississippi, President of the New Orleans Baptist Seminary Foundation has announced the allocation of \$6,000.00 from its investment earning to supplement faculty salaries at the Seminary for the 1969-1970 school year. The announcement came following a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Foundation.

Mr. Triggs also announced a proposal to allocate \$12,000.00 for Student Aid at the Seminary for next Spring.

The Foundation was founded in September, 1965 for the purpose of aiding faculty and students attending the New Orleans Seminary.

Gifts to the Foundation are invested and only income from the investments are used for the aid projects.

Dr. H. Leo Eddleman is president of the seminary and a member of the board of directors of the Foundation.



THANKSGIVING WEEK, from November 23 to 30, has been proclaimed by President Nixon as National Bible Week.

November 23-30

National Bible Week

NEW YORK — For an increasing number of Americans, Thanksgiving week this year will signal a renewal of interest in the Bible.

Thanksgiving week, from November 23 to 30, has been proclaimed by President Nixon as National Bible Week. This year for the first time the American Bible Society and the Laymen's National Bible Committee are joined by a Roman Catholic agency, the Catholic Biblical Association of America, in sponsoring the observance.

In calling attention to the observance, President Nixon recalled Benjamin Franklin's thought "when he remarked that if no sparrow can fall to the ground without His (God's) notice, no nation can rise from the ground without His help."

The President described the Bible as "unique among books and treasured by men and nations."

the U.S.A. is a program to encourage the reading of the Scriptures from Thanksgiving through Christmas. But more important, Worldwide Bible Reading is designed to introduce people to daily Bible reading.

Bible Readings for Bible Week, a booklet containing sixteen Scripture selections, eight from the Old Testament for mornings and eight from the New Testament for evenings, is available at \$3.00 per 100 copies, for the eight days of National Bible Week. The readings are in the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

The American Bible Society also has available free booklets listing both the selections for National Bible Week and suggested daily passages for the entire month of December. For a free booklet write to American Bible Society, Room 710, 1405 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10023.



PRESIDENT NIXON, honorary chairman of National Bible Week, receiving from W. Clement Stone, national chairman of Bible Week, a miniature copy of a statue given the United Nations by the Soviet Union. The statue, presented in a White House ceremony Oct. 22, depicts a man beating a sword into a plowshare, alluding to the well-known passage from Isaiah used by Mr. Nixon in his inaugural.

State VBS Clinic To Be Held At Alta Woods Church

The State Vacation Bible School Clinic will be held February 16 - 17 at Alta Woods Church, Jackson. Formerly scheduled for Gulfshore Assembly for three days, the clinic will instead meet in Jackson for two days. The sessions will begin at 1 p.m. on Monday, February 16, and adjourn at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17.

The Sunday School Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, sponsors this clinic.

Billy G. Hudgens, associate, Sunday School Department, states "There will be no registration fee. Each association team will be responsible for making its own motel reservations. Choose the motel of your choice and write directly to the motel for your reservation. The motels are holding a block of rooms until February 10. Please indicate in your request that the room is for 'Baptist Vacation Bible School Clinic.' Meals Monday and Tuesday noon will be served at the Alta Woods Church."

Fire Destroys

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tories, Ross and Johnson Hall, are in operation except that there is no heat in the buildings.

"It is so very unusual that this fire took place and destroyed a building — a major building on the Carey campus, a day after bids had been advertised for the new science building at William Carey College."

"The local newspaper, 'The Hattiesburg American,' carried on Thursday, November 13, the advertisement for bids for Carey's new science building."

"The contract is to be awarded to the low bidder when the full board of the college meets on Thursday, December 4, at 2 p.m."

The building committee of the trustees of William Carey College is making arrangements following the insurance settlement within the next two days for plans to be drawn for the new education and psychology building on the campus.

The plans for the rebuilding of this completely necessary building on the Carey campus will be made, and a formal announcement will be coming from the board of trustees following their meeting on December 4.



SEVERAL LEADERS are seen together just prior to opening of convention Tuesday morning. From left: Rev. Clark McMurray, Pascagoula, first vice-president; Dr. John G. McCall, Vicksburg, President; Dr. C. B. Hamlet, III, Hattiesburg, chairman of order of business committee and Dr. Levon Moore, president of convention board.

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processes. Down the road are the approaching caravans of those might-is-right despots.

Warning that "some barbarians already slink in the shadows of a disabled Church," Dr. Henry echoed the apostle Paul's exhortation: "Beware of the lawless one who will occupy the temple of God" (2 Thessalonians 2:4). "Institutional Christianity," Dr. Henry said, "has muffled the call for a new humanity, and in doing so forfeits a mighty spiritual opportunity at the crossroads of modern history. The organized Church that ought to have been burdened for the evangelization of the earth has been too busy either powdering her nose to preserve an attractive public image, or powdering the revolutionaries and reactionaries who need rather to be remade in Christ's image."

"The barbarians do not have the future to themselves," the speaker added, "for Jesus Christ the Lord is coming as the overwhelming, overpowering Omnipotent. Not all the fury of evil can bring a halt to what God has begun in the incarnation, atonement and resurrection of Jesus Christ."

"The question is: do the barbarians have a present? Will the Christian army of occupation grant them breeding - room and standing - room and reigning - room, or serve notice that none dare lord it over man but the Lord of glory?"

Evangelical initiative needs to extend to evangelism, education and socio-political concern on authentically biblical premises, Dr. Henry suggested. "Let those who believe in Christ crucified and risen link hands transnationally, transculturally, transdenominationally, in a lively exposition of the truth of revelation that provokes the multitudes to stop, look, and listen and to exclaim 'this is the real happening, this is where the action is; we thought the Church of Christ was bagged up, but clearly the world is in a bind.' Let us come with grace and glory and with this world's only durable good news."

Paul Stevens Sends Telegram

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Though he said the question was "rhetorical," Stevens obviously has strong views concerning Vietnam, and the tactics used by those participating in the Vietnam Moratorium.

"I support the position that we do not have to solve America's problems in the streets or on the battlefield," Stevens said. "America's problems should be solved as a result of prayer and seeking God's will for our nation—that is where the problems ought to be solved."

The SBC executive said he had received no response as yet from the four Senators, and added that he really didn't expect a response.

He said that response from the general public had been favorable, with only one critical telephone call. U.S. Congressman Jim Wright of Fort Worth was among those who had called to "congratulate me personally," Stevens said.

Later, Rep. Wright visited Stevens at his home, telling of House and Senate resolutions he and several others had introduced supporting President Richard Nixon's position on the war, and opposing demonstrations as a technique to bring the war to an end. Stevens said he supported this position.

Reaction from the president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Jimmy R. Allen of San Antonio, Tex., however, was not so favorable. "It is a mistake to identify any particular policy of government in such a way as to say opponents to that policy are lacking spiritual commitment a moral courage," he said.

Allen, pastor of the First Baptist Church of San Antonio, added that "spiritual commitment and moral courage are not the sole possessions of the hawks of our country. It takes a great deal of moral courage and spiritual commitment to live by ideals which run counter to the consensus of society."

Stevens said he realized that his telegram might be interpreted in different ways by different people, but that he hoped it would be interpreted as "rhetorical question," and not as a personal blast against the senators.

Springdale Harvest Day

Springdale Church, West, will hold a special Thanksgiving Harvest Day on Sunday, November 23. Rev. Joe Backwell, pastor of Kreole Avenue Church, will bring the message for the 10:45 a.m. service. Lunch will be served at the church. An afternoon song service is planned. Rev. Robert Huffman is pastor.



DR. W. DOUGLAS HUDGINS, executive secretary, speaks to the convention.



DAN MCBRIDE of Wilmer, Texas is principal program personality for the banquet of the Men's Conference meeting held at Parkway Church Monday evening.



MRS. MARTHA BRANHAM, Dallas, soloist, brings special music at each session.



DR. THOMAS S. FIELD, of Springdale, Mo., brings major message to convention.

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State Group

To Attend

Rock Festival

A carload of young people from Byhalla Baptist Church, Byhalla, Mis-sissippi, plan to drive to Palm Beach, Florida, to participate as Christian witnesses at the Rock and Roll Festi-val which is scheduled for there on Thanksgiving week end. Their pas-tor, Rev. Bill Moseley, will accom-pany them.

Many thousands of young people are expected to assemble for this festi-val, so Christian leaders have sched-uled a positive Christian witness for the period. Featured Christian speak-er will be former Mississippian, Ar-thur Blessitt, who now operates "His Place" on Sunset Boulevard in Holly-wood. He will be assisted by numer-ous other Christian leaders and young people from across the nation.

Round-Up Of State Conventions

(Continued from page 1)

vention's Executive Committee for further study and report at the 1970 convention in August.

Alan B. Comish, pastor of Waldrop Memorial Baptist Church in Colum-bus, Ga., made the substitute motion, which passed by just 20 votes.

But at the next session, Anglin was back at the podium with another motion, this one requesting Mercer trust-ees to withhold any appeal for, or ac-ceptance, of, government funds until the Executive Committee makes its report in November of 1970.

This time Anglin's motion passed with little discussion and an over-whelming majority vote.

In other convention action, the mes-sengers authorized Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta to borrow up to \$6 million to add new patient facili-ties and renovate existing facilities. The proposed addition will cost about \$11.8 million and \$3 million is already on hand in gifts and pledges.

The authorization to borrow the \$6 million spelled-out that it would come from "a commercial lending institu-tion or private person." A similar vote in 1968 had said "at the lowest interest rate available," and had been construed by many as authority to make a government loan.

LEXINGTON, Ky. (BP)—The Ken-tucky Baptist Convention pledged in-creased efforts at meeting human needs, approving a comprehensive re-port from a committee appointed to study the convention's involvement in such efforts.

The report pointed to four areas where churches in the state could minister to unmet human needs—improved housing for low income groups, loans or grants for voca-tional training, scholarships for Negro ministerial students, and information concerning ministries to handicapped persons.

A retired Baptist pastor, O. Y. Yates of Lexington, offered an amend-ment to the report asking the con-vention's Executive Board to study the feasibility of homes for the aged sponsored by the convention.

Both the amendment and the entire report carried with little expressed opposition.

The report recommended specific action by the state Executive Board in three areas, calling on the board to provide loans or grants for voca-tional training for the needy, provide monies for scholarships for Negro ministerial students, and provide in-formation about ministries to handi-capped persons.

The committee called on churches and interested individuals to under-take programs to improve housing for low-income groups, citing as good examples the work of Owensboro Churches for Better Homes, and the Church Housing Association of Pres-

tonsburg. Both are non-profit corpo-rations working for better housing, in-volving Baptists.

In other major actions, the conven-tion ventured into the never-never land of sex education, approved state-ments concerning taxation of church property and tax aid to parochial schools, and supported President Richard Nixon's Vietnam policy.

The convention requested its Chris-tian life committee and state paper, the Western Recorder, to develop and disseminate to churches informa-tion about "a healthy approach to sex education" and also to help make churches aware of the dangers of pornography in Kentucky.

A report from the convention's pub-lic affairs committee expressed strong opposition to tax support for parochial schools "... through direct action or any subterfuge, because we believe that the funds of all the peo-ple should be used to provide the best public school system possible for all the children of Kentucky."

In the area of taxation, the commit-tee supported taxation of non-church-related business activity for profit, re-gardless of the use of the funds by churches. Strong opposition, however, was voiced to taxation of properties used for religious purposes.

Earlier, the convention's Executive Board had agreed to pay property taxes on the state headquarters build-ing in Middletown, Ky.

The convention adopted a resolution supporting President Nixon's Viet-nam policy, and asked the conven-tion's executive secretary to notify the president of the action.

An emergency recommendation brought by the Executive Board asked the convention to "reaffirm and rei-terate the action taken ... that any and all allocations heretofore made to Kentucky Southern College be termi-nated." The motion was adopted.

The action was taken in light of a hearing scheduled about a week fol-lowing the convention on a law suit against the convention and Kentucky Southern College involving a bout \$288,000 in funds promised to the former Baptist school by the Con-vention but terminated when Ken-tucky Southern merged with the Uni-versity of Louisville recently.

At the recommendation of the Exec-utive Board, the convention voted to revise downward the Cooperative Pro-gram budget goals for the next two years, because contributions had fallen short of the goals for the past two years.

The current fiscal year goal of \$4,150,000 was reduced by \$150,000, and the 1970-71 goal of \$4.3 million was re-vised to \$4.1 million.

The convention voted to increase the amount going to world-wide mis-sion causes through the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Pro-gram by one-tenth of one per cent each year for the next two years.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C. (BP)—The Baptist State Convention of North

Carolina approved here a massive two-year study of its higher educa-tion program, underscoring the right of its colleges to participate in pub-licly - funded programs under the "services rendered" principle.

Despite predictions of heated dis-cussions, most observers said the con-vention was one of the calmest in re-cent years.

In addition to the education study, the convention also adopted a record \$7 million 1970 budget, and approved resolutions dealing with:

—Breaking down barriers between segments of the population and heal-ing the "hurts" of humanity through the ministry of reconciliation;

—Urging compliance with interna-tional treaties by all forces in the hu-mane treatment of prisoners of war in Vietnam;

—Commending those who led in the defeat of efforts to liberalize the North Carolina liquor laws, including the Methodist and Baptist state pa-pers and the North Carolina Chris-tian Action League;

The convention did not adopt, how-ever, resolutions on amnesty for con-scious objectors either imprisoned in the United States, or in exile in other countries, and on voluntary prayer in public schools. The two resolutions were referred to its Coun-cil on Christian Life and Public Af-fairs.

Messengers to the convention ap-proved in entirety the 13,000-word re-port from its Committee of Twenty, a panel that has worked for the past two years on problems concerning the state's seven Baptist colleges.

The report recommended that the seven schools be maintained and strengthened and be given additional state convention financial support when possible.

The report asked that a special committee of the convention General Board be named to hear requests from various convention agencies and institutions for participation in tax-funded programs and referred them to the General Board for action.

North Carolina Baptist colleges have been able for many years to ac-cept federal loans for construction of such buildings as dormitories, and since 1968 have been able to partici-pate in projects financed through tax funds under the principle of "serv-ices rendered." The report reaffirmed this principle.

The new \$7 million budget for 1970 calls for a \$300,000 increase in spend-ing over 1969 and will be distributed according to the same formula as in 1969—23.34 per cent to the Southern Baptist Convention, 29.46 per cent to state missions, 25.6 per cent to Chris-tian higher education, and 11.6 per cent to Christian social services.

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)—The Bap-tist General Convention of Oklahoma urged its churches to join in a fight against liquor by the drink, and voted to delete a section supporting sex edu-cation in public schools from a re-port of its Christian Life Committee. The convention reaffirmed its oppo-

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Broken Vessels, Broken People

Near Lake Wales, Florida, there is no permanent display one of the world's most interesting mosaics. It is called "The Great Masterpiece" and is made up of more than 300,000 pieces of burned and broken tile put together to picture the final supper which Christ had with his disciples. It was originally in Germany, stored during the Second World War, purchased and brought to United States, and now in a permanent setting in Florida. "Three hundred thousand broken pieces put together so that the result has become a masterpiece of art?" the amazed questioner may ask. Yes, and one cannot stand in its presence without feeling this significant parable: though an individual's life may be broken to pieces by sorrow, suffering, disappointment, or loss, the power of God is more than adequate to help that individual to put the broken pieces together — not necessarily in the original pattern, but surely into a mosaic of victory which will bring usefulness to the individual's life and inspiration to all who are touched by his life.

One remarkable woman's experience illustrated that triumph which Christian faith can achieve in putting shattered dreams into a mosaic of power and inspiration. She and her widely-loved husband had proceeded through twelve years of a superlatively happy marriage. Three wonderful children had come to them. The future was full of prom-

ises of exquisite joy for her, for positively everything she could hope for was being fulfilled.

While this lovely woman shopped for ideas for new interiors for their home, her husband suffered an accident in the presence of the three children, and a few days later he was dead. To everyone who knew the family, this sudden turn of events seemed to be a tragedy too stark for description. "What star of hope could brighten a night so dark as this one?" some asked. Turning from the burial service, this magnificent woman began to reassemble the broken pieces of the shattered dream into another pattern of living. First in teaching, later in counseling, and always in radiant living she became an inspiration to thousands and the world's greatest heroine to her children. What her lips have said in counsel to distressed students, her life has said even more eloquently!

Think your lot is helpless, hopeless, beyond repair? That's what a lot of people thought about the man on the center cross on Golgotha one Friday, but the very instrument of his death has become Christianity's symbol of ultimate and complete victory. Take another look at the broken pieces of your life—this time through the eyes of him who can turn every tragedy into triumph.

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A Constructive Convention

The 1969 Mississippi Baptist Convention is history. It may well be described by historians of the future as one of the most constructive of recent years.

The convention adopted a challenging budget. After much debate it made some positive decisions concerning its Christian education problems. It spoke out clearly on its conservative Baptist stand by adopting a resolution commending Dr. W. A. Criswell on his recent statement on Baptist doctrine and practice. It sets its face resolutely toward the decade of the "seventies" with a determination that both its churches and its program would meet the challenges and needs of that era. It expressed its solid backing of government leaders, and men in the armed forces, in their struggle for freedom and peace for the world. It commended and approved the actions of its Christian Action Commission in its work in the areas of morals and church-state relationships.

The messengers heard splendid reports from convention agencies and institutions, and inspiring messages from invited speakers. It closed its sessions with the annual Youth Night meeting, in which about 12,000 young people were called to be participants in a Christian revolution, to meet the other types of revolution appearing in our day.

Challenging Budget
The budget which was adopted was one of the most challenging in the convention's history. The reason is that, not only is it the largest budget ever adopted, but it also provides that after the basic budget needs are met, every dollar given above that will go to Southern Baptist Convention causes. Moreover, the basic budget was increased only a small percentage, so that it should be reached by normal increases in giving. This means that if churches accept the challenge, and really enlarge their missionary concern and giving, Mississippi Baptists will give more to SBC causes than ever before.

This type of budget was brought about by the fact that the gifts of the churches through the Cooperative Program have not kept pace with the percentage increase of the offering plate dollars. In other words, churches are giving a smaller percentage of their income to missions. Because of this, and because there were certain basic costs of operating the program of the state, the Convention Board and its Budget and Allocations committee, recommended a basic budget in which the percentage to SBC causes was cut from 33% to 30%. Neither the board nor its committee wanted to do this, but there seemed to be no other way of meeting the actual minimum needs of the state program. However, the setting of a basic budget which should be reached without too much extra effort, and the sending of ALL gifts above that to SBC causes, offers to the churches the opportunity to give even more than 33% to SBC causes. Even a 10% increase in giving should more than offset the percentage cut.

Mississippi Baptist churches can meet this challenge and we believe that they will do so. When a similar cut was necessary a few years ago, we know of one Mississippi church, which increased the Cooperative Program portion of an already adopted budget by 20%, and then over-subscribed the new budget the next Sunday. Mississippi Baptists are missionary, and we believe that they will meet this challenge as they enter the seventies.

Schools and Hospital
The convention took two positive steps in regard to its education program. It took a clear position on the matter of the institutions seeking or accepting federal funds for themselves, and it appointed a committee to make a thorough study during the next year, concerning what can be done to meet the financial needs of the convention's Christian education program. It also voted to extend the Capital Needs program for another 5 years, beginning in 1971.

The action on federal funds came as a part of a motion which "commended" the institutions for their action in signing the compliance agreement in order that college students might participate in the federal education loan program, but "urged" the institutions not to accept federal funds for themselves. This action was an approval of the action of the Baptist Hospital in signing the com-

pliance agreement in order to be able to minister to Medicare and Medicaid patients.

This probably is the best possible solution to this problem, upon which Mississippi Baptists have not been fully agreed. While we are sure that some Baptists were not satisfied, it was evident that a large majority, had no desire to try to tell the trustees of the institutions to reverse their decisions to sign the compliance agreements. Proof of this was seen in the action of the messengers in overwhelmingly supporting the convention president's ruling, that a motion seeking to "instruct" the trustees in this matter, was out of order, since it is forbidden by the convention constitution.

Despite the feelings of some that the trustees have relinquished control of the institutions to the government, this actually is not so, except in the matter of accepting qualified students and patients. The trustees can reverse the action and break the contracts, at any time they feel that government requirements are not to the best interest of the institutions. Furthermore, the trustees have not indicated any inclination to accept federal grants or gifts for themselves, and we doubt that they would even consider doing so, in the light of the action of the convention.

Facing the Seventies
The convention took a long look at the decade of the "seventies" which is about to begin. For years Southern Baptists have been considering this period and making preparations for it. On Tuesday night the heads of the departments which work in the area of church organizations, presented the plans and programs of the seventies, and how they are to be implemented, and then Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Executive Secretary of the Convention Board, delivered a great address on "Facing A New Decade," in which he discussed what we can expect in the coming decade, and what the churches must do to meet the challenges and needs of the period. The convention voted that this message be published in the Baptist Record, and it will appear in an early issue.

Other Actions
Resolutions adopted, and other actions taken, revealed that Mississippi Baptists continue to stand in the path of conservatism which so long has characterized them. They also spoke out clearly and emphatically in the area of morals, and in support of the government and of our men in Viet Nam.

The messengers voiced their gratitude to government leaders, and friends everywhere, who came to the aid of Mississippi during the recent Hurricane Camille disaster. They voted for the appointment of a committee to study the matter of reestablishment of the assemblies destroyed by the hurricane, and raised the question of whether the facilities should be rebuilt on the coast, or elsewhere nearer the center of the state. The committee will consider the whole matter and report its progress to the 1970 convention.

Reports from agencies and institutions revealed that convention work is in splendid condition. Schools are flourishing despite financial problems. The Children's Village has made tremendous advance during the past decade and is rendering the finest service of its history. The Baptist hospital still is one of the great hospitals of the state, and now is looking forward to a new plant, in the not too far distant future. The convention board's program reveals progress in every area. The churches appear to be in good spiritual condition, and the fellowship among Mississippi Baptists is as fine as will be found anywhere.

Leadership
The convention sessions revealed something of the strength of leadership that exists among Mississippi Baptists. Convention President, Dr. John McCall, did an outstanding job in presiding over the convention, ably assisted by the two Vice-presidents. Dr. McCall was completely fair, and wise in handling delicate problems in periods of warm debate, and received the accolades of the messengers for the strength of his leadership.

Dr. Lavon Moore, president of the convention board, made an outstanding presentation of the convention board's report, especially in explaining the new budget, so that there was clear understanding in every mind of the reasons for the proposals.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Exec-



NEWEST BOOKS

RICHES IN ROMANS by Harper Shannon (Broadman, paper, 95 pp., \$1.50).

A small resource book for use in studying the book of Romans. It makes no attempt to give a verse by verse study but rather presents messages on each of the great sections. The book tells what we are by nature, how to become right with God, how to live the Christian life and how to serve God. It also discusses God's sovereignty and the nation of Israel and Paul's personal and concluding words. It is from a conservative theological point of view.

THE CHRISTIAN FAITH by Dallas M. Roark (Broadman, 327 pp., \$7.50).

The author is a professor of philosophy at Kansas State Teachers College. For some time he was professor at Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Texas. The subtitle of the book is "An Introduction to Christian Thought." The author deals with the central of the great themes of the Christian faith and brings to his discus-

sion his broad scholarship. He presents the varying points of view. He does not dodge difficult problems. And although one might not agree with every conclusion, he will find this to be a stimulating discussion.

SIMPLE SERMONS ON PRAYER by W. Herschel Ford (Zondervan, 88 pp., \$2.95).

The well-known Baptist preacher and author of the simple sermon series brings from his life time ministry his best sermons on the subject of prayer. He discusses the Christian's prayer life, how prayer works, how prayer helps, power in prayer and other related subjects. This probably will prove to be one of Dr. Ford's most helpful and popular books because it deals with a subject of interest to every Christian.

I'M A GOOD MAN, BUT... edited by Fritz Ridenour (Gospel Light Publications, paperback, 95 cents, 165 pp.).
A look at life's "hang-ups," their causes and their cure. Featuring Peanuts cartoons by Charles Schulz.

THE BAPTIST FORUM

News From Iowa

Dear Friends,
Greetings from Davenport, Iowa!
In this rich and fertile area, where corn grows literally "as high as an elephant's eye," seeds of God's love are being planted by Southern Baptists! We are so few in number, as we compare ourselves to the multitudes of our faith back in Mississippi. But we find that a few can do a lot with God and the prayers of others. To be sure, the disappointments come and discouragement must be constantly fought. . . but the victories and joys come, too.

Our church, Central Park Baptist, is one of the newer ones in the state. We dedicated our building on June 22 of this year. Now with space at last, we must fill it! Pray for us as we visit and teach.

The Baptist Record is a welcome piece of mail at our house each week. Not only for the news of churches we are familiar with, but the coverage of things of importance in the state that remains so dear to us.

Our "Home Church," Fifteenth Avenue of Meridian has continued to have the Record sent to us since we left its fellowship in January, 1967. This church has aided us here in Iowa by paying for our church's literature each quarter this year. This is of great financial assistance to us, but greatest, it is a morale builder!

Remind Southern Baptists as they move into pioneer areas to get immediately into the work and not allow themselves to become "lazy."

We oftentimes find ourselves having to "sell" the South, and this is certainly true for Southern Baptists.

utive Secretary of the Convention Board, revealed his great leadership ability, by seeming to have just the right word at the right moment, and by his outstanding message on Tuesday evening.

The strength of the leadership of institutions and agencies was shown in their reports, and also in their participation in some of the discussion which involved their institutions.

Mississippi Baptists can thank God for such leadership. It is giv-

ing for we are received with some distrust. This is sad, but true. And so our work is made a little harder.

Please pray for us! God's message cannot always be presented in our traditional manner, but needs must be met and though the presentation may vary, the message remains the same, now and always. People are hungry for it.

The Howard Williams Family
1405 Arlington Avenue
Davenport, Iowa 52803

Commendation Of Singing Churchmen

Dear Dr. Hudgins:
I want to express to you my sincere appreciation for the fine job The Mississippi Singing Churchmen did on their recent trip to Nashville.

This group, under the very capable leadership of Dan Hall, conducted the Wednesday evening worship service at Belmont Heights Baptist Church and made a tremendous impact on the people. Also, I have heard many fine comments on the Friday morning chapel service at the Baptist Sunday School Board led by Mr. Hall and these Mississippi musicians.

The people of Mississippi are to be commended for the fine musical leadership they are providing their churches.

Thank you for the encouragement you are giving the music program in your state.

C. E. Smothers
S. S. Board, SBC
Nashville, Tenn.

ing strong direction to our program, but still recognizes the rights of, and listens to the voice of, even the smallest church. We thank God for the fellowship which this brings.

In summarizing we would simply say, if the recent convention is the criterion, then Mississippi Baptist work is in good condition, and enjoying the blessing of God. Mississippi Baptists are marching forward together, in an effort to do what they believe God wants them to do.

sition to use of beverage alcohol and urged churches to contribute funds to the Sooner Alcohol and Narcotics Education, Inc., (SANE) to provide funds for a campaign against a petition for a liquor by the drink election now pending before the Secretary of State.

Debate on sex education in public schools was led by Hugo T. Lindquist, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, who said the public schools are already doing plenty of sex education, and don't need any more encouragement.

"Besides," Lindquist said, "I have seen what kind of sex education is going on in the schools and I don't approve of it."

The convention approved his motion to delete several sentences from the sex education section of the Christian Life Committee's report, which also touched on alcohol, communism, drugs, gambling, honesty, pornography and mass media poverty, race relations, and separation of church and state.

Removed from the section on sex education was a statement encouraging the public schools to supply a place for sex education, if such education were deemed important to all children.

The remaining portion of the section stated that sex education is the duty of parents and the church. It added that Baptist parents should become thoroughly familiar with public sex education programs according to the dictates of a Christian conscience.

Resolutions adopted urged Sunday closing of businesses, called on church members to refrain from unnecessary Sunday shopping, and commended the Oklahoma Publishing Company for refusing advertisements of "X" rated movies for its newspapers, radio and television stations. The resolution also called on other media owners to refuse such advertisements.

Maryland Baptists Emphasize New York Convention Formation

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (BP) — The end of an era — the end of the '60's and the leaving of Baptist churches in New York to form a convention of their own this year — was emphasized during the meeting of the Baptist Convention of Maryland.

Hosted by College Avenue Baptist Church here, some 700 messengers heard Paul S. James, executive secretary of the Baptist Convention of New York, discuss the history, development, and prime ministry of the convention.

Beginning work in metropolitan New York was in 1968 with the establishment of the Manhattan Baptist Chapel under the sponsorship of the College Avenue Church, where the convention met.

Today, more than 7,000 Baptists now live in the greater New York area. A budget decrease of \$27,000 in Cooperative Program receipts from local churches in Maryland is anticipated due to the departure of the New York churches.

Total budget for the Baptist Convention of Maryland for 1970 is set at \$1,027,880, of which \$787,000 is expected in state-wide Cooperative Program giving, allocating 40 per cent to Southern Baptist world mission causes.

State Round Up

Northern Plains Baptist

Oppose Sex Education Move
BILLINGS, Mont. (BP) — The Northern Plains Baptist Convention, meeting here for its second annual convention, adopted resolutions opposing sex education in public schools, and expressing confidence in government leaders, and in the truth of the Bible. More than 200 attended the sessions, adopting a total budget of \$275,460, including a state goal of \$88,840 and a \$10,778 or 12 per cent allocation to Southern Baptists world mission causes.

The convention is comprised of Baptists in four states — Wyoming, Montana, North and South Dakota, and is the second youngest Baptist state convention in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Without debate or dissent, the convention adopted a resolution asking Baptists in the four-state area to "seek divine guidance in combating a growing amoral intrusion of the public schools in sex education."

Another resolution reaffirmed "gratitude for confidence in, and allegiance to our country," asking for divine guidance for "those on whom the mantle of leadership has been placed."

Still another stated: "In the light of the critical attacks upon the Bible and church today, . . . we reaffirm our belief in the church and faith in the Bible, and recommit ourselves to the proclamation of biblical truth as the answer to the social and spiritual needs of our nation and the world."

Elected president of the convention was W. J. Hughes, pastor of Faith Baptist Temple in Grand Forks, N.D. The convention meets next year at Capitol Heights Baptist Church, Bismarck, N. D., Nov. 3-5.

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LT. GOV. Charles L. Sullivan, of the state of Mississippi, welcomes the convention to Jackson on Tuesday morning.



SEVERAL CONVENTION LEADERS are seen together during convention. From left: Dr. John G. McCall, Vicksburg, president; Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary; Rev. Larry Rohrman, host pastor; Dr. W. Levon Moore, Pontotoc, president of convention board, and Dr. Bill Causey, Jackson, who preached convention sermon.



THE SINGING CHURCHMEN of Mississippi under direction of Dan C. Hall, Jackson, render special music in the Coliseum Thursday evening.



DR. HENRY ALLEN PARER, Orlando, Fla., speaks to the convention in one of the featured addresses.



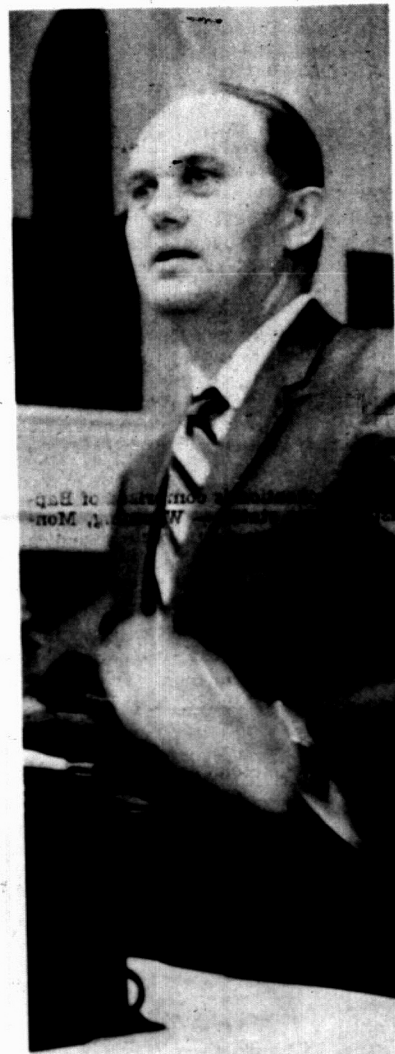
DR. JESS MOODY, West Palm Beach, Fla., speaks to the 12,000 in Coliseum Thursday evening.



DR. W. DOUGLAS HUDGINS is seen introducing new workers in the state during Tuesday morning session.



EXHIBIT OF Mississippi College.



DR. DAROLD MORGAN, of Dallas is seen addressing the body in a featured message.



MICHAEL L. SPEER, representing the Stewardship Department of the SBC (left), gives to Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary, a "certificate of appreciation for Cooperative Program gifts." During the year Mississippi Baptists gave \$1,156,280 or \$1.54% through the Cooperative Program for world missions.



SIDNEY PARKER, Magee layman, president of the Men's Conference, presides over the evening session on Monday.



THREE MESSENGERS seem to be enjoying a brief coffee break between sessions in the Stewardship Department exhibit. From left: Rev. Vance Dyess, Jackson; Cecil Harper, Jackson, and Rev. Ray Campbell, Plain.

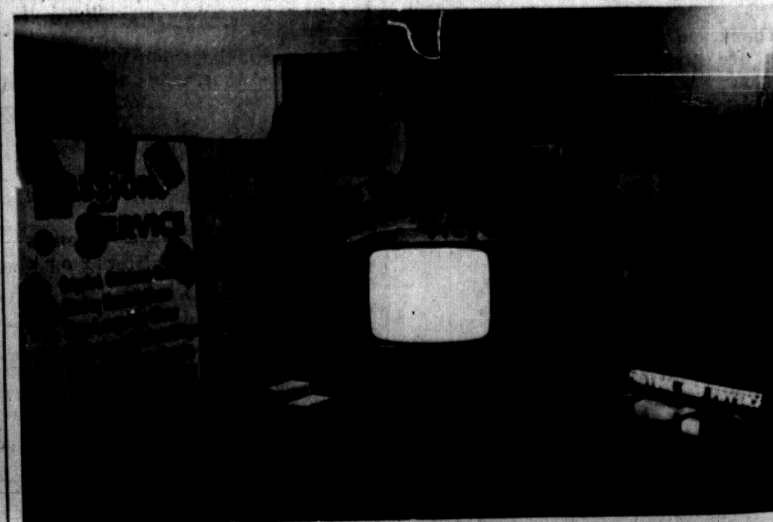


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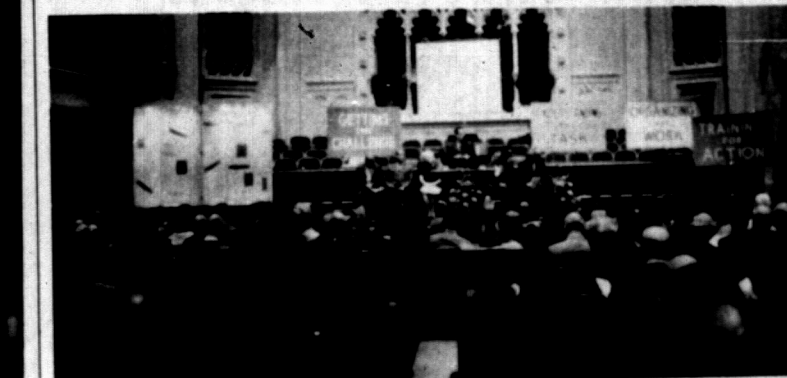
TOM LARIMORE, of Jackson, leads congregational singing in Coliseum Thursday evening.



MISS CATHY REIN, of Jackson, is one of featured soloists in music presentation in Coliseum Thursday evening.



REV. JAMES SMITH, pastor of Handsboro Church, purchases book from Mrs. O. M. Jones, manager of Baptist Book Store in Jackson at Bookstore exhibit at convention.



SCENE SHOWING STAGE DURING PRESENTATION OF "Preparing for the 70's" on Tuesday night



DAN C. HALL, director of Church Music Department, plays part of "grandfather" in presentation of "Preparing for the Seventies" on Tuesday night. Others on platform are Rev. E. L. Howell, (left), Brotherhood director, and Kermit King, Training Union director.



ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE young people responded to the "opportunity for life commitment" appeal given at the close of the service in the Coliseum and many of these are seen in photo.



McLaurin Heights Receives 1000th Member

McLaurin Heights, Jackson, reached a milestone when in a recent service they received the 1000th person to come into their membership since the church was organized in 1961. Above, the pastor, Rev. Eugene H. Dobbs, is shown welcoming Donna Roberts, who came on profession of faith and was received for baptism and thus became member number 1000. Shown with Donna are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Roberts, who also united by transfer of letter, and a sister, Cheri.

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Satellites Of The Son Of God

By H. H. Hargrove
Brownwood, Texas

The astronauts walked on the moon to the wonderment and inspiration of all people on earth. But they would not have known there is a moon if God had not set the sun in the heavens to give light to be reflected by the heavenly bodies.

Darkness covered the primeval creation. Then God said, "Let there be light; and there was light." (Genesis 1:3) But as life appeared on the earth, continuing light was needed. So God said, "Let there be lights," and God made two great lights... he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth." (Genesis 1:14-17) By the light of the sun, the great source of light, reflected to earth by the moon satellite, man knew there is a moon.

Soon after creation, the spiritual darkness of sin enveloped mankind with death and despair. "Darkness covered the earth and gross darkness the people." (Isaiah 60:2) As life in physical creation needed light for life God in his grace saw that man, his spiritual creation, must have spiritual light for life. So God promised that this light should come: "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light... upon them hath the light shined"... Arise, shine; for thy light is come." (Isaiah 9:12, 60:1)

When God's time came for this light to shine with redemptive grace upon the darkened world "the Sun of Righteousness," who is the "Son of God," shone in brilliant human-delfy in a manger, "and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save

his people from their sins." (Malachi 4:2; Matt. 1:21) In the bright light of his ministry he announced, "I am come a light into the world that whosoever believeth in me should not abide in darkness." (John 8:12, 13:46).

Jesus was shrouded in the darkness of death due men but came from the tomb to shine in the glory of resurrection power and beam the light of salvation to all mankind. He is the Light of hope for men in darkness. But he said to all who have received his light that they must reflect it to those in darkness. "Ye are the light of the world." (Matt. 5:14) He was saying, "You are my satellites to reflect my light upon the world." He pleaded for us not to hide our lights beneath the "bushel" of our own desires and neglect. But he said, "Let your lights so shine before men" that they may join the galaxy of his satellites, to reflect his light of hope "and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matt. 5:16)

Our lives reflect Christ's light by living according to his will. We reflect his light by preaching the gospel of his grace from pulpits. We reflect his light by witnessing to individuals. We reflect his light by faithful service in his name, helping those in need "even the least" of his brethren. We reflect this glorious light and send it far and wide by faithful stewardship of our possessions. The only way for men to have the light of his love is for us to reflect him and his love to them. As our "Sun of righteousness" continues to beam his grace and power upon us may we faithfully reflect it to others.

A Troublesome Problem

Rising Cost Of Living

By W. R. Roberts

Have rising costs of living troubled you lately? Do you have to earn more each month in order to support your family comfortably? Then you will be able to understand why we are concerned about the problem faced by your church and pastor.

During the days of active service the minister, like everybody else, has a hard time living. But when he has to lay aside his ministry because of old age or disability he has a still harder time. His limited income allowed little opportunity to accumulate savings and he faces real need.

For this reason over 800 Baptist churches in our state regularly provide the Southern Baptist Protection Plan to afford benefits in case of old age, disability, or death. They believe it is good business as well as good Christian principle to do this. Like the Apostle Paul, they believe that "those who preach the gospel should live of the gospel"—all of their lives. Our records indicate that over 1000 churches are not presently included in this number, and we are concerned about it.

Your pastor is now compulsorily covered in Social Security. This is fine, but it will not provide adequate income by itself. He will still need the Southern Baptist Protection Plan in order to have a comfortable and reasonable standard of living.

Your state convention is concerned about this matter and subsidizes this plan to help the churches provide for the pastor's future years. The convention is committed now to put up \$1 for each \$2 paid by your church in the basic Southern Baptist Protection Plan. Convention and church together can provide this without cost to the pastor.

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Koinonia Farm Founder, Clarence Jordan, Dies

AMERICUS, Ga. (BP) — Clarence L. Jordan, controversial Southern Baptist theologian and founder of an interracial cooperative farm, died of an apparent heart-attack in his study here while autographing a copy of his latest book for one of the workers at the farm.

Jordan, 57, was buried in a pine box in a pasture at the Koinonia Farms, the Christian community near Americus, which he founded in 1942.

A graduate of the University of Georgia and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, where he earned the doctor of theology degree, Jordan had written the Cotton Patch Version of the New Testament, and apparently was autographing the Cotton Patch Version of Luke and Acts when he died.

Using Southern phrases and colloquialisms, Jordan attempted to strip away "the fancy language, the artificial piety, and the barriers of time and distance in his writing."

Though he was a Greek Scholar, Jordan devoted his life to hard farm labor and building an interracial Christian community "to witness to the Christian teachings on peace, sharing, and brotherhood."

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God's Remnant Rebuilds

By Clifton J. Allen

Ezra 1; 3; 6; Nehemiah 2:11-20; 4; 6:15-16

God's promise was fulfilled. He brought back a remnant of the people of Judah out of captivity in Babylon to Jerusalem. Their hope of return to their homeland, based on God's promise, must often have burned in the hearts of the exiles to encourage them. The passages in our larger Bible lesson report the dramatic and inspiring events related to the rebuilding of the Temple and the rebuilding of the wall around Jerusalem. But the really important truth set forth in the lesson is the evidence of God at work in history — God moving the hearts of monarchs to make them the instruments of his covenant purpose, and God calling and directing men of faith and courage to carry forward his purpose for Israel.

Rebuilding The Temple

Ezra 1:1-4

Cyrus adopted a policy of deporting conquered nations and restoring them to their own lands. But behind this nation policy was the sovereign purpose of God. Cyrus was thus an instrument or servant of the divine purpose—God's agent, as Isaiah said (45:1-4). We are not to understand the last part of verse 3 to mean that Cyrus was a confirmed believer in God. According to Isaiah, Cyrus did not know God in the true sense. Cyrus was merely paying tribute to the God of the Hebrews and acknowledging, more than he realized, that he was carrying out God's command. On the basis of his decree — and the support of gifts of money and the restoration of the priceless vessels that had once been in the house of God—some forty to fifty thousand exiles returned to Jerusalem under the leadership of Zerubbabel to rebuild the Temple.

One must read chapters 3, 5, and 6, and also the prophecies of Haggai and Zechariah to understand some of the difficulties and delays in rebuilding the Temple. After years of disappointment and struggle, the Temple was completed.

Rebuilding The Wall

Neh. 4:15-20

More than seventy years passed. The people came to a deplorable state of poverty, affliction, and insecurity. Jerusalem was defenseless, and the morale of the people was low. News of the sad state of the Jews in Jerusalem came to Nehemiah, cupbearer to Artaxerxes, king of Persia. With burdened heart, Nehemiah prayed to God in behalf of his people. He then obtained permission from the king to go to Jerusalem that he might rebuild the city. The time was about 445 B.C. Nehemiah undertook a difficult task. In spite of the continuous onslaught of ridicule, conspiracy, intrigue, false accusation, and threatened war from surrounding peoples, Nehemiah led in heroic efforts until the wall was finished.

Nehemiah generated a spirit of

zeal and high purpose. He made the people constantly aware of the resources of God and the purpose of God to give them victory. They worked cooperatively with a sense of corporate mission. The people recognized their peril, faced their danger with courage, kept alert for any sudden attack, but kept on working.

The Help Of God

Neh. 6:15-16

The wall was completed in fifty-two days. This is the aspect of importance: God wrought for the people and through the people. Even the enemies of God's people recognized in the rebuilding of the city the reality of divine assistance and blessing. God's people had God's help. This was the secret of their achievement. He would continue to execute his covenant purpose through them. He would reveal himself more clearly and work through them to perpetuate faith and worship and expectation of the promised Messiah.

MC Announces

December 6 As

High School Day

Mississippi College has announced Saturday, December 6, as the date for its annual "High School Day" according to Larry Franklin, admissions counselor and co-ordinator for the day's activities.

Franklin has extended an invitation to all high school students in the state to attend the one-day affair. He is also expecting several groups from outside the state.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. in Nelson Hall lobby. Later in the day the visiting students will have the opportunity of touring the campus, visiting with professors, attending dean's conferences, eating a free meal in the dining hall and attending a special performance of "The Comedy of Errors" to be presented by the drama department.

Franklin said there was no deadline on pre-registration. Students must have a name tag, however, in order to eat in the cafeteria and attend the dramatic production.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Greenfield Church, Greenville: Oct. 27-Nov. 2; eight professions of faith; 21 additions by letter; 16 rededications; Rev. George White, Jefferson Street Church, Dublin, Ga., evangelist; Rev. L. H. McCollough, pastor; Charles Clark, music leader.

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Laws To Be Lived By

By Bill Duncan

Isa. 58:1-59:3

Isaiah the statesman prophet was known in his day, Sixth Century B.C., for the call for justice and righteous living. This came out of his call of experience where he saw the holiness of God in an unusual way. God wanted integrity, moral purity, respect for His truth and justice for all men. Gilbert L. Guffin said "the test of any religion or religious profession is its ethical and moral standards. Beliefs are important, but they are only superficial or worse unless life is changed by them."

God has revealed Himself, given us the revealed word, and even sent His Son to show us how to live righteous lives. If we do not follow His will for our lives then we are no better maybe worse than the Jewish people in Isaiah's day. The secret of Christian faith is how we live it. Those of us who would please God in our day must have a deep reverence for and toward Him and live a pure personal life. This is, "the righteous shall live by faith." ASV

The Moral Failure of the Nation

"Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet and shew my people their transgressions." God wanted the people to know in no uncertain, undertones, but clear, loud, certain sounds, announcement that they had failed in their lives. Remember the formal worship services had not been abandoned. They lived what appeared to be devout lives. "They seek my daily, and delight to know my ways, as a Nation that did righteousness and forsook not the ordinance of God." In the midst of religion's being popular, and religious services being well attended, the people were moral failures. The people got very little good out of their shallow faith. Verse 3 says that on the day of fast the people found their own pleasures more compelling. The people's needs were only on business affairs, and comfort, not spiritual needs. Of course they attended the worship service, but this was only a token acknowledgment, not life-giving devotion that expresses itself in daily living.

God's law had not changed. We are to have social compassion and seek to show God-like concern for all men. This is not a social gospel as some would say but a call for God's kind of righteousness among His redeemed.

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When men meet God's revealed truth about how they should live, it will result in righteous conduct, proper observance of his worship experience and concern for all men. "Then those shall delight thyself in the LORD." The reason so many Christians are unhappy is the way they are living.

Until men live right, they cannot feel right or act right. Many are like Isaiah's people; they are attending church but are moral failures. They give lip service to God when he wants righteousness in all their lives. He expects His laws to be lived by.

Good Hope Calls Pastor

Rev. Paul D. Ray has been called as pastor of Good Hope Church, Rich- ton. He and his wife, Margaret, have moved into the parsonage, and are working full time in the church field.

Mr. Ray, born in Birmingham, Ala., answered God's call to the gospel ministry while a member of Mt. Zion Church, Warrior, Ala., and was licensed to preach by that church in Sept., 1964. He was ordained by Petal Harvey Church, Petal, on Feb. 28, 1965.

After attending Alabama College he transferred to William Carey College, where he graduated in August, 1968.

While attending William Carey he was called as pastor to Memorial Devine Baptist Mission, now Fellowship Church, which he served until moving to Good Hope.

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Joins Staff At Southwestern

Fort Worth, Texas — Neta Stewart has been named dean of women and director of student activities at Southwestern Seminary according to an announcement by President Robert E. Naylor.



Nashville, Tenn. since 1962. She was a consultant in children's work.

A native of Fort Smith, Ark., Miss Stewart received the bachelor of arts degree from Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Ark., and the master of religious education degree from Southwestern Seminary.

Following graduation from the seminary she served seven years as director of junior - intermediate Training Union work for Mississippi Baptists. She also has served on the staff of the First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., as director of junior and intermediate work.

Miss Stewart will assume the position formerly held by Doris Norton West.

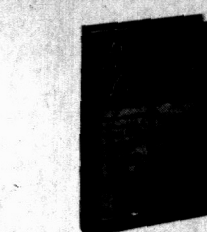
Remember the kindness of others; forget your own.

"As one lamp lighteth another, nor growth less, so nobleness enkindleth nobleness."

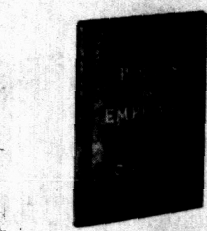
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Devotional

How To Get And Keep God!

Hebrews 11:1-3

By Ferrell O. Cork, Jr., Pastor, First, Union

A sincere and yet searching college student posed the question, "How can I get and keep God?" Many have wanted to express the same and lacked the courage. Will work do it? Will following a set of rules accomplish it? What does God require?



The apostle in Hebrews 11:1-3 is encouraging the believing Hebrews to hold fast their profession of faith. He makes it quite clear that faith is the only thing that will enable them to do this. He proceeds to instruct them that faith, if properly used, will carry them forward even to the end. The apostle defines faith as "the substance of things hoped for, and the evidence of things not seen."

HOW TO GET GOD! You get God by faith, there is no other way. It is by faith that we get to know the great mysterious work of God, the work of redemption, and salvation for man. Through a willing faith we receive and believe God. How does a man get saved?

"For by grace are you saved by faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: Not of works lest any man should boast."—Eph. 2:8,9 The only way for a man to get God is to personally know Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. We can know Him; His life, death, resurrection, if we will but turn to Him in faith.

HOW TO KEEP GOD! "Our faith shapes our destiny," Jesus said, "According to your faith be it done unto you." Faith is the instrument of God that enables us to keep close to Him. Before one knows Jesus by faith and thereby is brought into an understanding of the invisible and eternal, he has no enthusiasm for God, nor strength to suffer for Christ's sake. It is faith that prepares us both for action and for suffering in the service of God.

When one meets Jesus and is made aware of the realities of the things of God: salvation from sin, the new life in Christ, heaven with all its glory, hell with all its horrors, and the judgment and its finality—then who shall hinder him? Who shall influence him? Who shall separate him from God?

With faith we cry out with Paul, "Forgetting what is behind, and reaching forward to that prize of His high calling of God in Christ Jesus!"—Phil. 3:13, 14

What is this faith that gets and keeps God for man? The Christian faith is a hope that is absolutely certain that what it believes is true, and what it expects will come. It is a hope which is founded on a conviction. Not, "I think so!" It is "I know!" that keeps God close to man. It is such that it controls man's every action and direction of life. With it we can get and keep God.

Revival Dates

Good Hope Church, Rt. 2, Richton: November 22-29; annual homecoming on Sunday, November 22, with lunch served at the church, and afternoon singing; services during week at 7 p.m.; Rev. John Wardle of Pearlton Church, student at New Orleans Seminary, evangelist; special music to be featured nightly; former pastors and members especially invited to the homecoming; Rev. Paul D. Ray, pastor.

Crestview Calls Pastor

Crestview Church, Hattiesburg, called Rev. Joe Hatcher as pastor October 28. Mr. Hatcher moved to Crestview from the Lamar County Association where he had been pastor for the past 16 months. He has served churches in south Mississippi for the past eight years.

Native of Northeast Alabama, he attended Jacksonville State University and Samford University and is a graduate of William Carey College.

He is married and has two daughters, Lynne and Kim. His wife, Mary, teaches in the Petal Junior High School.

Benton-Tippah Seminary Extension Course Now In Progress At BMC

For approximately seven years, the Tippah-Benton Association has held Seminary Extension classes as a part of a special program set up by the six Southern Baptist theological seminaries, with two professors from each making visits, giving lectures, and assisting in the seminary extensions of their assigned areas.

Under the instruction of Dr. James L. Travis, Professor of Bible at Blue Mountain College, the 1969 Seminary Extension course, a class in THE LIFE OF CHRIST, is now in progress with 30 men and women attending each Monday evening's class for two hours. The course will continue for nine weeks.

The Tippah-Benton Association Seminary Extension Course is next to the largest in enrollment for Mississippi, the largest being that held at the First Church, Winona. Rev. Kermit McGregor, pastor, Winona's Seminary Extension director is a graduate of Blue Mountain College.

For the most recent class meeting of the Tippah-Benton Association's

Seminary Extension, held at Blue Mountain College, Dr. Raymond M. Rigdon, Seminary Extension Department, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee; and Rev. Paul Jakes, Area Director, Seminary Extension, Clinton, were special guests and brought inspirational messages.

Rev. Harry Phillips of Walnut is Superintendent of Missions for the Tippah-Benton Extension Service. He attends all Blue Mountain College classes taught by Dr. Travis.

The advent of the newest craze to hit the country, jogging, has added a new dimension to the hazards of driving. As rain, nor sleet, nor snow, nor storm seem to stay the feet of these new enthusiasts, the Mississippi State Automobile Association, Inc. issues a word of warning to them to temper their ardor with judgment. "If their routes must take them where there are no sidewalks, they must confine their stints to hours when traffic is not at its peak and when visibility is good," a spokesman said.

Tim Thomas To Preside At Student Convention

By Marjorie Rowden

William Carey College senior, Tim Thomas, is the affable young man who will preside over hundreds of



delegates to the annual Mississippi Baptist Student Union Convention to be held on November 21-23 at Tupelo's Civic Auditorium.

Tim is also BSU president for the second year on his own Carey campus. Before enrolling at Carey as a transfer student he served as president of the BSU at Itawamba Junior College.

Tim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Audie Thomas of Fulton. He is a ministerial student at Carey and is majoring in Bible. His plans eventually call for graduate studies at one of Baptist's seven seminaries, but for the coming year he plans to travel and perform with a popular folk-singing group known as "The Carpenter's Wood." Tim, one of the original organizers of the 5-man group, serves as booking agent. The three young

men and two young women are all Carey students and have performed for the past two years before numerous youth groups, banquets, civic and church organizations.

For the past two summers he has served as minister of youth at Poplar Springs Church, Meridian. Three summers ago he spent ten weeks working in Baptist pioneer missions in Montana.

At Carey he is senior representative to the Student Government Association, a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Music Fraternity, the Carey College Choral, the Association of Campus Presidents, and is listed in the 1969 edition of *Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges*. He is a member of First Baptist Church of Hattiesburg.

Two hobbies of his take up a great

deal of time. The most exciting is his love of flying. Tim has been taking flying lessons for some time and is now in the process of getting his private pilot's license. Although his future plans are not clear, he feels that there might be the possibility of his using his interest in flying on a foreign mission field sometime in the years ahead. His other hobby involves an interest in the art of judo.

He takes his position as BSU president quite seriously. "I feel that the Baptist Student Union program can be one great avenue in which students can share their faith and maintain a healthy, wholesome fellowship with other students," he commented. He is an excellent example of the philosophy of the program which he leads.

Names In The News

Rev. W. G. Cummings, formerly pastor of Bellehaven Church, Ocean Springs, is now pastor of Temple Church, Big Point, Pascagoula, living on Route 3, Pascagoula. Mr. Cummings and his family moved on the church field the last of September and since then have had an increase of fifteen new members enrolled in Sunday school and nineteen in Training Union. During October the Sunday school attendance at Temple doubled that of June. On October 19, Sunday school attendance reached 74, the highest in over three years. Sixteen new members were added to the church roll in October.

Harry Hillman is the new minister of music and youth at Big Creek Church, Calhoun County. He began his duties November 3. He and his wife, the former Mary Burke of Louisville, are both Juniors attending Mississippi College. Rev. Jerry Gooch is Big Creek pastor.

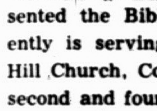
Mrs. Edward B. Trott, missionary who has been on emergency leave in the States, has returned to Brazil (address: Caixa 121, Campina Grande, Paraiba, Brazil). Mrs. Trott, the former Freda Porter, was born in Meridian, Miss., and lived there and in Longview, Tex., while growing up. She and her husband were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1967.

Dr. and Mrs. Daniel M. Carroll, Jr., furloughing missionaries who recently transferred from Argentina to Jamaica, may now be addressed at 2636 Ravine Dr., Nashville, Tenn., 37217. Dr. Carroll is a native of Bluefield, W. Va. Mrs. Carroll, the former Betty Alice Cowan, was born in Smithfield, N. C., and also lived in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Mississippi while growing up. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1953.

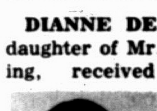
These Blue Mountain College students have been selected to appear in the 1970 edition of the *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*: Betty Wetzell, New Albany; and Sue Lester of Pontotoc; Mary Emily Marston, Iron Mountain, Mich.; Kathy McKinney, Miami, Fla.; Ginger Herrington, Rayville, La.; and Becky Greer, Charleston.

Dr. Buford L. Nichols, of Waco, Tex., missionary, is resigning as president of the Baptist Theological Seminary of Indonesia, in Semarang, December 30. He will continue his teaching responsibilities, however, during the second semester. (Dr. G. W. Schweer, also a missionary, will serve as president-elect, beginning January 1.)

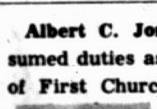
Rev. Herbert Lee Eichelburger was ordained to the gospel ministry by Standing Pine Church, Leake County, Sunday, Oct. 12. Rev. A. A. Ward delivered the ordination sermon; Rev. Henry Adams gave the charge to the candidate, and Rev. Marvin Gerguson gave the charge to the church. Rev. Danny Moss, pastor, presented the Bible. Eichelburger presently is serving as pastor of Center Hill Church, Conway, which meets second and fourth Sundays. A student at Clarke College, he is available for preaching other than the time he is committed at Conway Church.



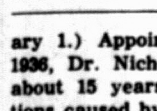
DIANNE DEARING, 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Dearing, received her 5-year Sunday school perfect attendance pin at Beacon Street Church, Philadelphia, in October. She is a choir member, G. A. and serves as assistant organist at her church. Rev. J. Herman Pilgrim, pastor, and Howard Smith, Sunday school superintendent.



Albert C. Jones, pictured, has assumed duties as minister of education of First Church, Troy, Alabama. A native of Merigold, Mississippi, Jones is a graduate of Mississippi State University, Starkville. He will receive a master of religious education degree from New Orleans Seminary in December. Jones served as aerospace engineer with NASA in Huntsville, Alabama, for six years prior to his surrender to the ministry. While attending seminary, he served with the Home Mission Board at The Baptist Friendship House in New Orleans. Mrs. Jones is the former Peggy Crick of Indianola. They have one five-year-old daughter, Fonda Carol.



Rev. George Smith, former pastor of Liberty Church, Winston County, has accepted a call to Carmel Church, southeast of Meridian in Lauderdale County. He and his family moved on the field October 20. Mr. Smith, native of Neshoba County, grew up in Union. He graduated from East Central Junior College, Mississippi College, and New Orleans Seminary. His first pastorate was Bethel Church, Winston County. He is married to the former Miriam Smith of Union. They have two boys, Danny, 5 and Mark, 3.



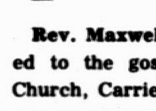
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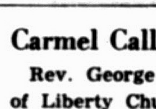
Rev. Huey L. Brock will become pastor of East Howard Church, Biloxi, on Sunday, November 23. Mr. Brock, a native of Moultrie, Georgia, attended Mercer University, Macon, Ga., and graduated from Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla.

He resigned the pastorate of the Glenn Anthony Church, Columbus, Georgia, in order to accept the Biloxi pastorate.

Mrs. Brock is the former LaFaye Philyaw of Moultrie, Ga. The couple has one son, Ricky, 11.



Rev. Maxwell A. Inman was licensed to the gospel ministry by First Church, Carriere, on August 10. Born at Water Valley, he now lives at Picayune. He is married and has four children. "He is employed in Picayune and has Sundays and Wednesdays free for supply work," states his pastor, Rev. Wm. Gary Smith.

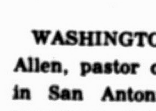


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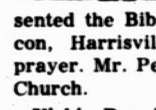
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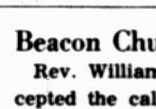
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Frank E. Means, 86-year-old father of Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for South America for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, died November 6 at a rest home in Riverside, Mo. Funeral for Mr. Means was to be held at 1:30 p.m., Monday, November 10, at Mount Washington Baptist Church, in Independence, Mo., with burial in Mount Moriah Cemetery, Independence.

Randall Perry was ordained Oct. 26 to the ministry by the Harrisville Church. The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. Bobby Perry, pastor of Calvary Church, West Point. Rev. J. A. McCain, pastor of Harrisville Church, gave the charge to the church and the candidate. H. Z. Scarborough, deacon, Harrisville, presented the Bible. C. C. McCraw, deacon, Harrisville, led the ordination prayer. Mr. Perry is pastor of Anding Church.

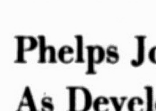


Vickie Broadway, senior piano concentration at School of Music, William Carey College, was the winner of the piano concerto division at the Mississippi Music Teachers Convention held on Friday and Saturday, November 7 and 8 at Belhaven College. Miss Broadway is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Broadway of Mobile, Alabama.



Beacon Church Calls Pastor

Rev. William O. Partridge has accepted the call of Beacon Church as pastor. He goes to Hattiesburg from Pine Grove church, Heidelberg. He will move on the church field the first of January 1970. Partridge is a native of Drew. He is married to the former Wilma McIntyre; they have two children, Bobby and Billie Ann. Rev. and Mrs. Partridge are attending Clarke College and will transfer to William Carey the first of next year.



Phelps Joins Mercer As Development VP

MACON, Ga. (BP) — Ralph A. Phelps Jr., former president of Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark., has been named vice president for development at Mercer University, President Rufus C. Harris has announced.



LOOKING over plans and materials prior to the most recent Tippah-Benton Seminary Extension class are front row, left to right: Dr. Raymond M. Rigdon, director, Seminary Extension Department, SBC, Nashville; Mrs. Louise Tuiley of Shannon, a student; and Rev. Paul Jakes, area director of Seminary Extension, Clinton. Standing, left to right: Rev. Doyle Ferrell of Burnsville, a student; Rev. Harry Phillips, director, BMC Seminary Extension Center; and Dr. James L. Travis, Professor of Bible at BMC, and teacher of the class. Mr. Phillips is Superintendent of Missions for Tippah-Benton Association.



Carey Century Club Newly Formed

WILLIAM CAREY COLLEGE ALUMNI Association vice-president, Dr. James Pinson, right, is shown presenting a check for \$100 from the Alumni to Coach John O'Keefe in order to participate in the newly formed Carey Century Club. The Century Club will seek to promote the athletic program of the school through 100 contributions of \$100 each. Shown sharing the check-passing experience is student Jim Arnold, star athlete and part of the baseball team who brought home the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletic's championship this past June.



Highland Holds Day Of Dedication

Sunday, October 5, was a day of dedication and praise at Highland Church, Route 2, Dennis (Tishomingo). Following the regular Sunday morning service, a meal was spread in the fellowship hall. At 2:00 p.m. the dedication service began. Among the highlights of the afternoon was the note-burning service, which left the church completely debt-free. Pictured above are (L. to R.) Jesse Blunt, chairman of deacons, Rev. Jimmy Carl Bryant, pastor (Bryant is now at North Corinth Church—Alcorn Assn.) and Troy Dean, chairman of the Building Committee. Mr. Dean then presented the following items for dedication: educational building, church library, addition of two rooms and a bath at the parsonage, remodeling of existing Sunday school rooms, central heating and air conditioning, two pianos, and other items. Following a special message in song, Rev. J. A. Blunt, (former pastor) delivered the dedication sermon. Another former pastor, Rev. A. M. Nix, read the Scripture and led prayer.